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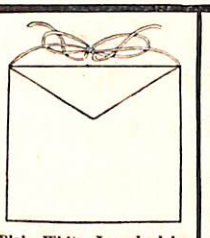

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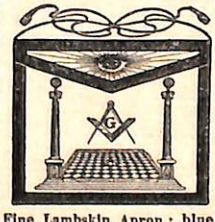

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NOBLE CHARLES E. WALES.

Among the prominent Masons of Dubuque none are more thoroughly in evidence than the one whose portrait we give at this time. Noble Wales has been a Master Mason since 1857, made in Iowa and has retained his relations there ever since. He temporarily transferred his affiliations to Monticello, Iowa, but long since has returned to his present Masonic home.

Charley is a born hotel man. He was first in the Lorimer for five years, then the Julien for ten, and now the New Wales which he opened July, 1901. Charley is a Noble of El-Kahir, having been created in that order Jan. 6, 1891, a little over ten years ago. We take great pleasure in giving such a life-like and bland portrait of our friend in this number of our paper.

"For he's a jolly good fellow
Which none will deny."

Among the Lodges.

OLDEST IOWA MASTER MASON.

Burlington Man Has Record of Being Mason For 49 Years.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 1.—Various claims have been made concerning the oldest Master Mason in Iowa. Among those aspiring to the honor is A. P. Berry of New Virginia, who claims he was made a Mason in 1848. His claim, however, must give way before that of Louis Teuscher, of Burlington, who has a record of Masonic membership in one lodge for forty-nine years. Mr. Teuscher was 85 years old last Saturday. He came to Burlington in 1842, and in the following year he was made a Master Mason by Des Moines Lodge No. 1, the first lodge of Masons organized in Iowa. Since that time Mr. Teuscher has been an active member of that lodge, and today as active and spry as a man of fifty in good health.

IOWA'S STANDARD WORK.

Before the final departure of some of our older P. G. M.'s (notably Van Saun and Granger), who have been "custodians" of the work it would be an act of wisdom to provide for the writing up of a historical article on the subject. Neat changes have been made in minor details we know, and to have the knowledge of the developement of Iowa's present standard copy as it rests in the archives would, we think, be appropriate.

WE'VE QUIT.

Is it to be presumed that the Mason who cannot sit through an evening in the lodge without smoking never goes to the church, the theatre or the ball-room? Or has he a greater respect for those places than for his lodge?—*Masonic Standard.*

POOR MASONRY.

The Grand Master of Georgia recently ruled that one having taken the E. A. and F. C. degree, and afterwards became badly crippled, is not qualified to receive the M. M. degree.—*Acacia.*

The famous "Boston Tea Party" of Dec. 16, 1773, consisted chiefly of Freemasons. It fell upon the rugular meeting night of "The Lodge of St. Andrew." Those sacred records read as follows: "Lodge closed on account of the few members in attendance until tomorrow evening." The brethren were busy at "Griffin's Wharf" throwing into the harbor King George's tea.—*Gilbert Patten Brown, Boston, Mass.*

Six of the members of the Anvil Masonic Club, of Nome, Alaska, are Iowa, Masons. See list given by *The Trestle Board*, viz., Henry Coppee, 269, Ottumwa; S. F. Fansher, 491, Leighton; J. B. Jones, 513, Collins; A. H. Olds, 492, Marne; Allen C. Snyder, 502, Farley; N. A. Valine, 270, Villisca.

The first Masonic lodge in the Soudan was consecrated at Khartoum, Jan. 2, 1902, when the Sirdar, Sir Reginald Wingate, installed Capt. W. E. Bailey as Master.

The *Record*, Muscatine, reports Iowa No. 2 as greatly prosperous. Thirteen applications and six demit cards. Has Martin of Waterloo been down there?

Shelby Lodge No. 350, Shelby, O., will erect a $30,000 Temple in the spring.

The $100,000.00 Temple at Waterbury, Conn., was destroyed by fire Feb. 3.

Herbert Martin is Worshipful Master at Le Mars.

Yankton, S. D., proposes a $40,000 Temple.

The Royal Arch.

A "most excellent Masters" CLASS of *one hundred* was recently put through in the Chapter in Kansas City, Mo. Judge Speed, Grand Secretary of Mississippi, delivered a splendid address.

If anybody asks you whether the Chapter degrees are popular or not, refer them to Greely, Mason City and Waterloo.

Commanderies.

THE TRIENNIAL IN 1904.

It is claimed by some that the triennial in 1904 at San Francisco will not be largely attended owing to the long distance and heavy expense.—*Illinois Freemason.*

"Some" is an indefinately convenient word to use, very like "Veritas," and "Vox Populi," and "Nemo," and "Many Voters," and such, that are used by persons who want to remain in the background of impersonality. In this particular instance "some" may mean two, or a dozen, or may mean a thousand, but it may as well be assumed now that San Francisco will be the Mecca of the mightiest Templar host in 1904 that has made pilgrimage since the days of the Crusades. Distance has been reduced to less than seventy hours' pleasurable ride from Chicago, and as for expense, wait until announcement shall be made by the willing and obliging transportation committee of General Railway Passenger Agents. The fraters of California will make the burden light and the enjoyment great.

The triennial of 1904 will be a revelation to the "stranger within our gates"—stranger only until he speedily feels the pulse of our wholesome manner of entertaining. We are "different" out this way. The city is both cosmopolitan and metropolitan, and the state is cosmopolitan of climate and prodigal of products. There are states and states, but only one California; cities and cities, but only one San Francisco. We have the climate, the scenery, the wealth and the heartsome disposition to do things magnanimously well, and neither time nor expense will be spared in preparing for this event and in making the entrance and stay of the fraters a triumphal success. Don't concern your minds now about expense, that will be minim. The Templars of the East have witnessed the manner of Californian entertainment at repeated triennials, but what has been done is only an introduction to what can be done. Come and enjoy for yourselves. The whole state will bid you welcome and make your stay pleasant.—*Trestle Board.*

The Grand Commander has divided the state of Iowa into twelve inspection districts, with the following as the inspectors in the order of their districts: E. O. Soule, D. W. Clements, George R. Turner, Wm. Welden, T. B. Lacey, F. W. Loring, Crom. Bowen, W. F. Cleveland, J. C. W. Coxe, J. H. Pettibone, Geo. W. Ball, E. I. Alderman. Every Commandery will be inspected between March 15 and May 15, 1902. We'll hope to witness a few.

We were shown a most beautiful solid hammered silver loving cup at Mason City, presented to E. Sir Charles H. McNider, Dec. 21, 1900, on the occasion of "his Knighting his hundredth man." The fraters say that Sir Duncan Rule caught "our Charlie" speechless when the surprise was sprung.

No Trustee to fill vacancy at Templar Park is yet announced.

Sir Knight George Ward is Commander at Le Mars.

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THE FREEMASON AND FEZ wants to figure in this bargain day business a little too. We are going to CUT HALF PRICE RATES like this. To any new or old subscribers not now indebted for subscriptions we will send this journal

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Keep your eye on this column for other announcements will follow.

ONE DOLLAR for THREE YEARS

We need badly a copy of this journal of the issue of March, 1896, to fill out a file for Bro. Frederick Webber, Secretary General S. M. J. One year's subscription offered.

The desire to get something for nothing makes men pay something for nothing.

If anybody will show us a finer lot of Masons of all degrees than they have at Le Mars, we'd like to know.

Our readers should notice the class of patronage given to our advertising columns these days.

Our old home town of Mason City comes nearest to matching Le Mars generally, and excels in that Charles H. McNider lives at Mason City, and he's a leader who goes ahead.

This time it is Rev. Edwin S. Carr of the College Congregational Church, Wheaton, Ill., who "resigns" because his congregation won't repeal the clause in their rules against secret societies. He accepts a call to the First Church in the same town. Behold how these Christians love! It is not stated that the preacher is a member of any order. Rather guess not. We still hear murmurings of the lodge usurping the place of the church; but we don't find any practical methods as yet to overcome the difficulty. That's what talks, eh?

Men do not know, nor can they know, the good that has been done and is being accomplished by the plain, simple lessons of our fraternity. Not even those who have come within the mystic circle can estimate its full power as a factor in the problem of life. Withdrawing from the gaze of the world, asking nothing from its favor, independent of its power or opinion, Masonry lives a law and power unto itself, which for ages has directed and preserved it, and will continue to fulfill its mission so long as men are endowed with hopes, desires and aspirations. —*John L. Terrell, Texas.*

BRO. GILBERT PATTEN BROWN IS MISTAKEN.

"The war for American independence would not have been successful had it not been for the existence of Masonic lodges." Thus opens an article of the above young author on "Military Lodges of the American Revolution," and we beg to differ with such extravagant statements. That those who were Freemasons and served in the Continental Army, had among them some of the noblest of patriots we know. We had a tory-catching ancestor among them, and a great grandfather who freely hauled the contents of his graneries and apple bins to Valley Forge for the use of the great Washington; but to credit the success of our armies to Masonry is to twist things out of their natural relations. As well let some "stolid priest" rise up and say that his "church" was the cause of success. No, this great land, much as we love Masonry, was not saved to independence by the existence of Masonic lodges, but by the blessing of God and the persistence of our fathers.

TWEEDLE DEE.

We like the word "fraternity" as applied to Masonry rather than the word "order." All "cheap John" modern secret societies are called orders, while Masonry is the grand old fraternity of brotherly love, relief and truth.—*Pacific Mason.*

Our valued exchange betokens the enthusiasm of an Episcopalian (we are one) for the technical article "the" before the word church, while he and we all know that if all the brotherly love, relief and worth were constrained to the "fraternity," as it calls Masonry, we'd be in a bad condition. If the "cheap John" modern secret societies do the work of either of the three good things named above, they are not "cheap" and they are more than "John."

HOITY TOITY!!

We observe that the Masons of Billings, Oklahoma, have departed from the immemorial practice of the fraternity and united with the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a "fraternal home." Masonry cannot amalgamate with modern fraternal orders, and it seems to us that the action of our brethren in Billings is ill-advised.—*Masonic Standard.*

If the "M. S." will come out west we'll show any number of halls used in common, with separate property rooms, and we'll cite fifty cases where Masonry would be better off to "amalgamate" a little. Hoity toity! and we are a H. C. Episcopalian, too!

TWEEDLE DUM.

Brother Lewis H. Jackson presented the report on correspondence. (Delaware.) He deprecates the use of the word "order" in connection with Masonry, and never uses it except inadvertently, perhaps, in quoting from other writers. He generally substitutes the words institution or fraternity. He says: "Masonry is an institution, a fraternity, a society, but not an 'order.' Masons belong to the Orders of Knighthood, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, etc.; but Masonry is essentially and entirely different."

NOT A GRAFT.

If we are not woefully "off" the *Pacific Mason* lacks knowledge concerning earlier usages in Masonry regarding the "diploma" by whatever other name it is known. It is still, and has been for a long time, a nearly arbitrary requisite in foreign countries, and in this country was a practice for many years, as the specimens yet existent testify.

The Mystic Shrine.

This journal is sent for the next five months to every Recorder in the Order, for which there is no charge. Any interest they may take will be appreciated.

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HERE'S TO ISLAM.

The interest which attaches to the meeting of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., to be held in San Francisco next June, was manifest in remarkable degree at the annual election of Islam Temple on December 11th. The honor of presiding over this Temple at the gathering of the Imperial Council brought together 550 Nobles to make selection, and the session was continued seven hours. There were three strong candidates for Potentate, choice finally falling to Noble Charles W. Murphy. The Shriners of San Francisco and California will give the Imperial Council and the thousands of visiting Nobles a genuine Californian welcome. It will be a great event.—*Trestle Board.*

In honor of his twenty-five years' service as the Grand Potentate, Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland, presented Sam Briggs with $1,000. *Fraternity.*

We notice that on the completion of twenty-five years' continuous service as Potentate of Al-Koran Temple, Noble Sam Briggs was presented with a cash memento of $1,000.

El-Kahir will go to Mason City. Abdul Az-is-has-it-included on April 9, 1902. In other words, it will take the place of our home meeting date for date. Mark this date in your FEZ. They are to have from thirty to fifty candidates, and with them its a go when the say it.

Don't overlook the fact that you can go with the Shriners to San Francisco in June for less than $50 for the round trip.

The Order of Isis.

Let not the Daughters of Isis become impatient. The Court of El-Kahir will hold a vigil in the near future. Meanwhile any lady, wife, mother, sister or daughter of a Noble of the Shrine can get registered by writing the editor of this paper.

The Scottish Rite.

DANIEL SICKELS DEAD.

Daniel Sickels, one of the oldest of Masonic veterans, died on Saturday last, January 18, 1902, at his home in Brooklyn, New York. He was the oldest member of the Supreme Council, 33 degree, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Bro. Sickels was world-known as a Masonic writer and publisher of Masonic works. He was foremost in everything to promote the advancement of the craft. He was eighty-eight years old at the time of his death. The funeral services were held in the Cathedral of Aurora Grata Consistory, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Jan. 21.—*Keystone.*

There is great activity these days on the part of the brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in St Louis. Dedication of their new Cathedral will take place shortly. Soon thereafter a festival will be given, at which brethren not of the Rite and members of their families will be offered an opportunity to inspect the completed and richly adorned Temple, and get a glimple of some of the accessories used in working these sublime degrees. While values and worth are not always measured in money—in Masonry, never—we know of no better way to briefly give an idea of how completely the new Cathedral has been prepared for its beneficent and holy purposes, than to let our readers know that only a part of the equipment has cost nearly $15,000, in addition to more than $20,000 expended on the building.—*Missouri Freemason.*

At the Supreme Council—biennial—session, held Oct. 21, 1901, the following officers and active members were elected: James Daniel Richardson (Tennessee), Sovereign Grand Commander; Samuel Emery Adams (Minnesota), Lieutenant Grand Commander; Martin Collins (Missouri), Grand Chancellor; Rufus E. Fleming (North Dakota), Grand Minister of State. James R. Hayden (Washington), was appointed as Grand Constable; Aaron Baldwin (Washington City), was appointed Grand Tyler; Charles E. Rosenbaum, of Little Rock, Ark., and Thomas W. Harrison, of Topeka, Kan., active members.

At the Supreme Council S. M. J., the "Court of Honor" was organized "for the first time in its history." Here are the officers for two years: Legate, T. W. Hugo, Duluth, Minn.; Sublegate, E. B. Hussey, Seattle, Wash.; Secretary, R. B. Nixon, Washington, D. C.; Treasurer, James Chapple, Little Rock, Ark., Chancellor, Judge J. R. Wilkinson, Atlanta, Ga.; Marshal, H. C. Plumley, Fargo, N. D.

From the report of the Secretary General Fredrick Webber, 33 degree, we gather that the income for 1899 and 1900 was $51,633.80; 1900 and 1901, $63,720.95; total, $115,354.75. Office expenditures: $5,138.77; library expenses, $732.05; Albert Pike statue, $15,000; sent to Galveston sufferers, $3,052.24; sent to Jacksonville, $550. Up to Aug. 31, 1901, the library has cost $82,916.51.

Ill. Bro. C. E. Markham, 33 degree, ever keeps us reminded that Palmoni Chapter 14 degree, of Buffalo, is a monthly body

The Eastern Star.

THE O. E. S. CODE IS LAME.

SECOND PAPER.

With the paper given last month we informed our readers that in this paper we would discuss how a Mason can cease to be a member of a particular lodge. Before beginning we would call attention to the error in the former article where the local lodge refused to *waive* jurisdiction—not Maine. Keeping in mind the claim that the Code is lame in its statement on the subject of demission and withdrawal in the case of Master Masons who are members of the O. E. S. It was the statement of the Committee on Revision that they had "followed as far as practicable the Code of laws adopted by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Iowa." YET WE FIND A STRANGE AND INJURIOUS OMISSION in the statements of Section 22 (b.), where it reads as follows: "The suspension or expulsion, or the withdrawal of a brother from his Masonic lodge, save for the purpose of joining some other lodge, shall in like manner operate to suspend, expel or withdraw him as the case may be, in or from the subordinate chapter."

The Masonsc Code of Iowa expressly states that there is a difference between the UNAFFILIATE—the man whose membership terminates by sentence for an offense, or who withdraws, and the one who is a NON-AFFILIATE by demission. The unaffiliate is barred from all the usual privileges of Masonry until his disability is removed. The non-affiliate has the right, at the discretion of the Master, to visit any lodge, etc., etc., if not prohibited by law, at any time WITHIN ONE YEAR after the date of his demission.

It is our honest opinion that the committee should have either defined the rights of demitted Master Masons fully, or we should construe the laws as they reasonably should be construed—to mean that a Master Mason in good stannding at the time of joining the order is not brought in joepardy in the O. E. S. at any time because of his demission from a lodge, but only in case of disciplinary process or withdrawal.

Or, at least we ought to treat our brethren as nearly equal in their rights as Sections 86 and 87 do when any of us may wish to demit from the order direct. See how they read, then compare them with 22 (b.): "Members of the order holding a demit shall have the same right of visitation, subject, however, to the provisions of the next succeeding section," and here it follows: "No member holding a demit shall have the right to visit any Chapter longer than one year after the date thereof, and then under the restrictions mentioned in the last preceding section.

The relation which this Order sustains to the Masonic institution is a sufficient warrant for us to attack the weakness of this part of our Code and to not rest until we see it righted. Should this matter continue to bring brethren up before their Chapters as summoned violators of law it will not be long before we will lose the co-operation we now profit by in the enjoyment of many rights granted us by lodges in the state of Iowa.

We can see how this subject is wearisome to those who have as yet had no reason to observe the workings thereof; but wait until it hits in a case nearer home and it will quickly become apparent that the Code is lame.

WE DON'T SEE WHY.

The Mystic Tie thinks the institution of a Jewish Chapter in some city (wish we knew) entirely wrong. We don't see why. These Hebrews are a race of people, and it is no more evidence of a sectarian Chapter than if a community of Swedes, Turks or Elamites—providing they had the Masonic relation necessary—were permitted to have a Chapter. Now, if it were a lot of churcharians the fur wou'd fly.

The Pacific Mason reviews Iowa's Proceeding for 1900 in its December, 1901, number. A little late, Sister Taylor.

The suggestion, "We believe in the Order having a law of its own to cover all cases, *if possible,* without having to refer them to the Masonic Code," would do very well if the Order were other than it is, an integral part of the Masonic system.

The Grand Matron instituted a Chapter at West Liberty, January 29. A number of Cedar Rapids members attended.

At Le Mars Mrs. Judge Struble is Worthy Matron and Webb Freeman Worthy Patron.

Mrs. Hilliard, Past Matron of 183, Marion, installed the officers of Cedar 184.

Officers Marion Chapter 183 for 1902: Mrs William Kelley, W. M.; J. E. Bromwell, W. P.; Helen Unangst, Secretary.

Harmony Ohapter, No. 25, Council Bluffs, installed the following officers Jan. 9: Sister C. E. Walters, the retiring W. M., acting as installing officer, and Sister Maria Jackson, as Marshal: Sister W. S. Wilkins, W. M.; J. H. Wind, W. P.; Annie Maynard, A. M.; Emma Potter, Sec.; Nettie Ott, Treas.; Selina Bell, Con.; Blanche Arkwright, A. C.; Merwin Maynard, Chap.; Nettie Pile, Adah; Sister A. McMillen, R.; Sister Abbott, E.; Rose Wind, M.; Sister Craig, E; Leola Ross, War.; James Anderson, Sent.; Emma White, Mars.; Edna Wilkins, Org. The services were public to the friends of the members, and at the close a committee of brothers served elaborate refreshments, they proving themselves admirable hosts and receiving many compliments on their work.

Fraternities.

"General" Booth of the Salvation Army has started "The Army Assurance Company" to insure the lives of its members.

Every man who carries co-operative insurance of any kind will save the price of this paper for life in one notice we may give in this department some day.

The Insurance Post, an old line advocate, notes a strong tendency upon the part of companies to sell "monthly payment business" to meet the demands of former *dupes of the fraternal system.* Hully gee!

If *The Bee Hive* had let us know we'd have sent them our cut to use for Mayor Knight's notice in the January *Hive*. It would look lots more like "Ras" than the one they print.

MUST PAY SUICIDE'S POLICY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 21.—The court of appeals decided yesterday in the case of Fannie Brassfield vs. the Knights of the Maccabees that fraternal insurance orders must operate under the laws of Missouri. Mrs. Brassfield's husband's life was insured for $2,000 with the Maccabees, the policy providing that it should be void if the insurer committed suicide within five years after issuance of the certificate, whereas the state law provides that it shall be no defense that the insured committed suicide. Brassfield committed suicide within five years, the Maccabees refused to pay the policy, and the court yesterday gave judgment.

General Directory.

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Dubuque, June 3, 1902.

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Alf Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

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CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, San Francisco, Cal., 1904.
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W H. NORRIS.....Manchester...GRAND COMMANDER
J. E. CHERRY.....Creston.....Grand Recorder

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W H. Wray.....Oskaloosa.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Secretary

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, San Francisco, Cal., June 10, 1902.
PHILIP SHAFFER, Philadelphia, Pa., IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
WILL N. DEARBORN ..Stone City.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Cedar Rapids.....Recorder

MEETINGS AT HOME.
April 9, at Mason City June——
August 13, October 8, December 10.

SCOTTISH RITE.

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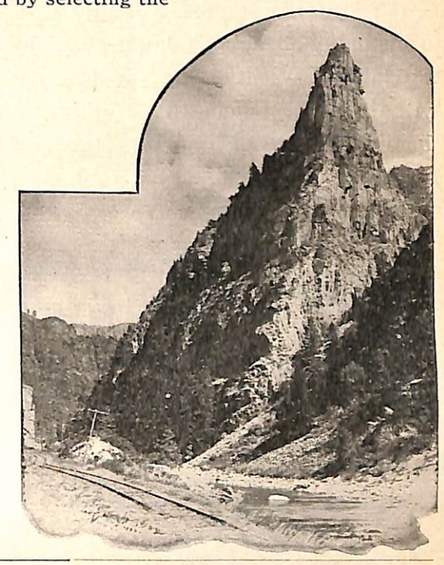

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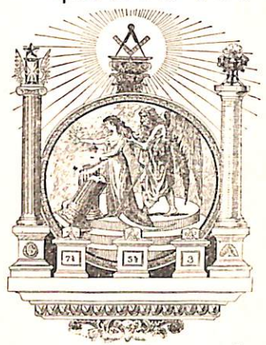

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